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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Proposed collection; 60-day comment request

U.S. Nuclear Medicine Technologists Study (NCI)

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited to address one or more of the following points: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact*: Michele M. Doody, Radiation Epidemiology Branch, National Cancer Institute, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7E566, Rockville, MD 20850, or call non-toll-free at 301-414-0308. or E-mail your request, including your address to: doodym@mail.nih.gov. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

COMMENT DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: US Nuclear Medicine Technologists Study, 0925-0656, Expiration Date 04/30/2015 – REINSTATEMENT WITH CHANGE, National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: We propose to collect, from U.S. nuclear medicine technologists (USNMT) certified after 1980, historical information about nuclear medicine procedures performed, radioisotopes used, related work and safety practices, and places of employment. The primary objectives of the current feasibility effort are: (a) to identify a cohort of nuclear medicine technologists certified after 1980 by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and/or the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB); and (b) to characterize individual organ-specific occupational radiation doses from radioisotope procedures. More recently certified technologists, who specialized in nuclear medicine, are expected to have greater exposures to radioisotopes than the general radiologic

technologists in the U.S. Radiologic Technologist (USRT) cohort owing to performing such procedures with greater frequency. The proposed USNMT study would be a direct follow-on to the USRT Study to assess health risks associated with occupational exposure to these much higher-energy radiopharmaceuticals.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 125.

Table 1. Estimates of Annual Burden Hours					
Type of Respondent	Instrument	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Time per Response (Hours)	Annual Hour Burden
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	Nuclear Medicine Questionnaire	250	1	20/60	83
	Consent	250	1	10/60	42
TOTAL		250	250		125

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